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Applicant : Gage et al. Patent No. : 6,355,413
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Title : METHOD FOR DETERMINING ION CHANNEL ACTIVITY OF A
SUBSTANCE

**Mail Stop Reissue
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §1.251, 37 CFR § 1.173

AND MPEP §1412.03

Applicant submits herewith a request for a broadening reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 6,355,413 issued March 12, 2002 (previously Appl. No. 09/269,278 filed June 30, 1999).

Applicant believes the original patent is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that an error in the original patent exists which supports the basis for a broadening reissue application. This preliminary amendment includes at least one broadened claim and is being filed within two years from the grant of the original patent.

Prior to examination and pursuant to MPEP §1412.03, 37 CFR §1.173(b)-(e) and (g), please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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